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SCPS APPROVES MELLONVILLE ANNEX LEASE WITH SANFORD

(**SANFORD, Fla.**) The School Board of Seminole County Public Schools (SCPS) and the City of Sanford have approved an agreement to lease the district's Mellonville Annex to the City. The intended purpose is to develop the site into several play fields for recreational activities and to convert the former ATEN building to a community center. The agreed terms call for a seven-year lease of the property with three one-year Board approved extensions

In return, the City of Sanford will compensate the School District in the form of SCPS student scholarships to the City's Parks and Recreation program. The amount of scholarships would be \$5,000 per year for the life of the lease with specifics of the student scholarships to be determined annually by the Superintendent's designee(s) and City staff. In addition, the City would be responsible for all utility payments and maintenance/repairs on the site. The City would also be responsible for the entire cost of play field development and any modifications to the ATEN building.

"We believe this is an excellent partnership with the City of Sanford and one that truly benefits us both. The athletic fields and community center the City intends to develop will be tremendous resources to the residents and neighborhoods nearby. It will also provide our students in that area opportunities to participate in the various programs and activities that will be developed upon completion, said SCPS Superintendent Dr. Walt Griffin."

"We value our partnership with Seminole County Public Schools. It's important for Sanford to be a healthy and strong community. The Mellonville Annex Lease is a much needed resource for the City of Sanford. This partnership will help to address childhood obesity identified as a national epidemic amongst our youth by providing a place to play sports, exercise and a place to share family time. Through the scholarship program offered by the City of Sanford, students will now have much needed access to recreation programs and activities, said Mayor Jeff Triplett."

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